

**DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2018**

**Members Present:** Ann Gionet, Bill Halsey, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Mickey Kramer, Jim Loomis, Shelly Maynes representing Judy Dowd, Aileen McKenna, John Molteni, John Pelegano, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Nikki Richer, Doriana Vicedomini

**Members Absent:** Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Jill Caron, Judy Dowd, Marcia Eckerd, Melissa Gagne, Zachary Laudano, Kathy Marchione, Jimnahs Miller, Siobhan Morgan, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu

**Call to Order:** 10:03am

**Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey**

**No Public Comments**

**Review and Approval of 9/26/2018 Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes to be revised listing Bryan Klimkiewicz as "Special Education Bureau Chief State Department of Education."

**Update on Tri-Chair Position:** Nominating Committee conducted a vote which concluded in tie so it was decided to restart the nomination process. Lynn Ricci volunteered to join Bill Halsey, Lois Rosenwald, Yana Razumnaya and Jim Loomis on this committee.

**Discussion:**

- Make-up of Council – changing by-laws
- Bill Halsey clarified that Amy Dumont oversees the Autism Lifespan Waiver and suggested adding her to the ASDAC
- Recommendations to add members to the ASDAC such as parents, family members, advocates, providers, individuals other than state agencies, with diverse geographical locations.
- Discussion of ASDAC Member attendance review before adding new members
- Red-line by-law changes to be sent to the Council and formal vote to be held at the next meeting.
- Funding for transportation discussed
- Bryan offered to acquire input from teachers, survey, etc. to present to the committee.
- Telehealth update
- Behavioral Health service being considered
- Techs required to be supervised by licensed individuals while in home
- Suggestions to add Housing options such as Community Companion Homes to the waiver
- IDASH, housing wraps, housing sub-committee

- Bill offered usage of his conference call line to sub-committees to utilize
- Suggestion for group from Council to meet with Commissioner to present ASDAC recommendations
- Staffing discussed
- Discussion to add Director
- Request for report on waiver slots, data from ASD Waiver and State Plan
- Discussion of additional money available?
- Request for update on proposals

**Review and discussion of minutes from 10/31/2018 retreat.**

- Retreat was productive
- Sub-committees were developed (individuals not on council are welcome to join)
- 13 priority areas

**Adjournment:** 11:38am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building  
Room 2A